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## REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AGENT OF TOWN FARM,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPKINTON,

For the Year 1862.

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REPORT

COMMITTEE OF AUDITORS

REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

OF THE HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL

TOWN OF HURST

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## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The subscribers, appointed a committee to audit the account of the Selectmen of Hopkinton for the year 1862, report that they find them chargeable with orders drawn on the Treasury, amounting to the sum of.....\$12,304 02

Cash of County for support of paupers...	\$520 61
" State, 35 dividend Literary Fund,....	158 49
" State, Railroad Tax,.....	111 67
" State Aid to soldiers families,.....	425 04
" use of Town Hall,.....	3 00
" Henniker, support pauper,.....	5 40
" use of derrick, and plank sold,.....	5 00
" Money over drawn,.....	5 00
" agent Town Farm,.....	117 00
" hired Caleb Page,.....	300 00
" hired Samuel S. Page,.....	600 00
" hired C. L. Lerner,.....	200 00
" hired John Burnham,.....	350 00
" hired E. P. Leach,.....	500 00
" hired Rhoda Temple,.....	200 00
" hired Betsey Merrill,.....	500 00
" hired Isaac Story, co. ex,.....	125 00
" hired Daniel Floyd,.....	350 00
" hired E. B. Kempton,.....	200 00
" hired N. Cogswell Weeks,.....	200 00
" hired Geo. E. Crowell,.....	200 00
" hired Jacob M. Morrill,.....	450 00
" hired Erastus E. Currier,.....	100 00
" hired Augustus Barnard,.....	100 00
" hired John Page,.....	50 00
" hired Nathaniel Kimball,.....	200 00
" hired Theodore E. Balch,.....	100 00
" hired Isaac Story,.....	175 00
" hired Phineas Clough,.....	800 00



Cash hired James M. Conner, .....	\$300 00
" hired James Hoyt, .....	500 00
" hired Harriet T. Kelley, .....	250 00
" hired Lydia Kimball, .....	100 00
" hired Sarah James, .....	150 00
" John Foss, highway tax, .....	3 67
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	\$8,354 88
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	\$20,658 90

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid School Districts, .....	\$1,653 39
School House Taxes, .....	45 74
Books, Stationery and Postage, .....	10 69
Town Debts, .....	372 71
Support of paupers, .....	1,077 64
Repair Roads, .....	163 15
Breaking Roads, .....	433 43
New Road and Bridge, .....	1,978 43
Soldiers' Bounties, .....	4,848 00
Town Officers, .....	356 00
Soldiers' families, .....	768 93
Abatement of Taxes, .....	71 44
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor, .....	18 99
Miscellaneous expenses, .....	505 48
Cash paid into Town Treasury, .....	8,354 88
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	\$20,658 90

The Committee find the account of the Selectmen properly vouched and correctly cast.

HORACE CHASE, }  
JOHN BURNHAM, } *Auditors.*

Hopkinton, Feb. 25, 1863.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The Selectmen charge themselves with orders drawn on the Town Treasury, amounting to.....	\$12,304 02
Cash received, as by Auditor's Report,.....	8,354 88
	\$20,658 90

Accounted for as follows:

### *Paid School Districts.*

Dist. No. 1,	\$132 91	Dist. No. 12,	\$57 67
2,	86 17	13,	73 63
3,	74 77	14,	48 55
4,	73 63	16,	64 51
5,	55 39	17,	66 79
6,	82 75	18,	51 97
7,	89 59	19,	86 17
8,	73 63	20,	124 93
9,	51 97	21,	55 39
10,	170 53	24,	56 53
11,	75 91		\$1,658 39

### *School House Tax.*

Paid Marsh Richardson, Dist. 18,.....	\$45 74
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### *Books, Stationery and Postage.*

Paid John F. Jones,.....	\$1 50
Geo. L. Kimball,.....	85
Isaac Story,.....	8 34
	\$10 69

### *Town Debts.*

Paid C. S. Lerner, Interest on Note,.....	\$9 00
I. D. Merrill, Interest on Note,.....	63 48
Nancy B. Felch, Interest on Note,.....	13 08
John Burnham, Principal and Interest on Notes,.....	283 22
James M. Conner, Interest on Note,.....	3 93
	\$372 71



*Support of Paupers.*

Paid Eben Fellows, Agent on Farm,.....	\$200 00
Eben Fellows, for county paupers,.....	388 71
Maria Greeley, for Mary E. Wifford,.....	
J. B. & C. Clark, for Joseph Clark and wife, for 1861,.....	44 29
J. B. & C. Clark, for Joseph Clark and wife, for 1862,.....	22 50
James H. Emerson, for Hazen Emerson,.....	26 00
Susan Baker, for Jane Walker,.....	18 00
for articles for Daniel Downing family,.....	5 40
Lois Colby, for Lydia F. Colby,.....	52 00
Funeral expenses of Rebecca Ordway,.....	8 87
Samuel Neal, for Betsey B. White of Loudon,	12 00
Phebe Barton, for Hiram Straw,.....	26 00
C. C. Tyler, service Co. paupers,.....	1 92
C. C. Tyler, service Town Farm,.....	4 46
C. C. Tyler, service S. J. Crane's wife,.....	10 00
Boots for Samuel Frazier,.....	3 00
E. Wyman, for Newman L. Green,.....	75
Isaac Story, ten depositions,.....	5 00
Articles for boy of Joshua Downing,.....	5 19
J. R. & C. S. Foster, articles for Courser boy,	7 59
N. Sawyer, articles for Courser girl,.....	10 25
W. Clark, books indigent children, Dists. No. 1, 18, 19, 20,.....	2 61
I. Story, cash for copy of records and other expenses,.....	10 17
for articles, for Mrs. J. A. Dunbar and chil- dren,.....	51 61
for articles for Mrs. Geo. McKenzie,.....	19 03
for articles, for Mary Eaton,.....	20 16
for articles, for Betsey White,.....	9 56
for articles, for Mary H. Kimball,.....	23 39
for articles, for Wilson Dimick,.....	13 54
for articles, for Asa N. Dimick's wife,.....	16 67
for articles, for Samuel Ordway,.....	10 29
for articles, for Eben Ordway,.....	17 18
for aid to strangers,.....	5 50

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 \$1,077 64

*Breaking Roads.*

Paid Daniel Hoyt,	\$4 90	Paid Enos G. Quimby,	\$13 40
Isaac Rowell,	2 70	Luther Story,	5 75
Benjamin Loverin,	12 55	Nathaniel Flanders,	11 37
J. S. Knowlton,	15 00	Thomas E. White,	10 73
John S. Straw,	16 45	Rufus P. Copps,	8 90
John H. Dodge,	16 00	Isaac Emerson,	5 02
Jonathan L. Allen,	13 03	James M. Wright,	14 66
Richard K. Smith,	22 00	John W. Page,	16 15
David Tucker,	5 00	Stephen Sargent,	1 60
Ambrose Chase,	21 30	Isaiah Webber,	9 24
George W. Jackman,	13 70	William Perry,	9 65
Jonathan G. Clark,	21 10	George W. Pierce,	2 40
Thomas B. Jones,	35 89	Frederick P. Scott,	9 20
Hiram Burbank,	1 90	Wm. B. Whittemore,	14 25
George W. French,	90	George K. Goodrich,	26 70
Farnum Runnells,	10 80	Thomas J. Weeks,	2 18
Moses T. Clough,	1 50	Martin V. B. Dow,	7 40
Elbridge G. Corliss,	24 31	George S. Daniels,	3 50
Jeremiah Abbott,	22 30		
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			\$433 43

*Repairs of Roads, Railings, and Snowing Bridges.*

Paid Norman L. Green, 3 days labor.....	\$2 25
Moses B. Harrington, plow and labor for bridge	4 03
Newton G. McAlpine, 1 day,.....	75
Isaac Rowell, snowing Rowell bridge,.....	5 00
Calvin Tyler, snowing Blackwater bridge,.....	2 00
Ebenezer Loverin, snowing Tyler's bridge.....	4 50
James Ash, by order of Selectmen,.....	75
Calvin Tyler, 3 days and oxen 2 days,.....	3 75
A. H. Davis, labor and lumber, bridge near Wm. Tucker's, at 75 cts. per day,.....	13 31
Bridge near Gardner Holmes, labor at 75 cts. per day,.....	35 00
I. S. Story, labor and lumber,.....	1 92
Timothy Colby, Jr., plank for bridge,.....	5 00
Daniel Chase, rebuilding causeway,.....	4 84
Moses Chase, snowing Hill's bridge,.....	5 00
Timothy W. Chase, labor and posts for railing..	2 10
Eben H. Dustin, stone for Tyler's bridge,.....	3 00
Ambrose Chase, filling gulley time of freshet,..	4 00
Jonathan G. Eastman, and oxen 1 day,.....	1 50



Paid Farnum Runnells, filling gullies in April,.....	\$5 00
Marsh Richardson, labor and lumber, bridge, ...	3 00
Moses T. Clough & oxen, 3 days, Tyler's bridge	4 50
Charles H. Kimball, 5 days " "	3 75
Albert Holmes and oxen, " "	75
C. P. Gage, plank for bridge,.....	1 58
Ira Dimond, 2 days Tyler's bridge,.....	1 50
Jeremiah Abbott, fixing bridge and repairing roads, freshet,.....	9 50
Isaiah Webber, making water course &c., freshet,	7 25
Jones & Crowell, spikes and lanterns time of freshet,.....	78
Amos H. Whittier and horses, labor time freshet,	4 00
John Burnham, posts and poles for railing,.....	3 00
George L. Kimball, railing and repairing roads time of freshet,.....	12 34
E. J. Chase and oxen, 1 day, freshet,.....	1 50
Wm. B. Whittemore, labor after shower in 1861	1 50
Sarah Richardson, gravel,.....	3 00
Richmond Holmes, 1 day,.....	75
George W. Milton, 1 day,.....	75
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	\$163 15

*New Road and Bridge.*

Paid Wm. Rogers, land damage,.....	75 00
Joseph Felch, land damage,.....	40 00
James Huse, land damage,.....	10 00
Francis H. Raymond, land damage,.....	50 00
John C. Briggs, in part for bridge, .....	1,450 00
Jesse W. Mudget,.....	40 50
John C. Davis,.....	41 37
John S. Straw,.....	24 75
Jonathan W. Dodge,.....	17 50
David Tucker,.....	13 75
Charles O. Barton,.....	4 50
Wm. Adams,.....	3 75
Sullivan Flanders,.....	14 25
George Flander's Heirs,.....	12 00
Ephraim H. Smiley, for plank,.....	2 12
Rufus P. Copps and oxen,.....	55 50
William Rogers,.....	4 12
William Tucker,.....	7 88
Amos H. Davis and oxen,.....	86 75



Paid Amos H. Davis, lumber for railing.....	\$3 00
Seth Davis and oxen,.....	1 50
Amos H. Whittier, drawing Derrick,.....	3 00
Isaac Story, advertising and copy of records,..	3 37
Bill of iron and blacksmith work,.....	8 82

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\$1,978 43

*Aid to Soldiers dependent.*

Mrs. Wm. Montgomery, \$63 60	Mrs. Geo. W. Smart, \$22 00
Hiram Cutler, 21 20	John Danforth, 32 11
Proctor Collins, 117 50	Alonzo Rowell, 28 00
Jas. P. Law, 106 35	Jacob M. Morrill, 28 00
Luther D. Jones, 17 20	Alonzo Burbank, 5 37
Mary Nichols, 21 20	Otis M. Brown, 28 00
Herman J. Burt, 54 42	Newton G. McAlpine, 20 00
Anna Holmes, 29 20	Thomas Kiniston, 33 00
George McKenzie, 27 75	Marsell Sourell, 32 40
Daniel Downing, 25 25	Mr. John Foster, 15 00
Henry H. Crowell, 8 56	Eben O. Morrill, 9 00
Warren Lewis, 11 82	Hiram Cutler, 12 00

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\$768 93

*Bounties and Recruiting.*

Ira Dimond's son, \$200	Thomas Kiniston, \$200
Reuben K. Chase's son, 200	Augustus Barnard 200
James H. Emerson's son, 200	N. Cogswell Weeks, 200
Edward B. Kempton's son 200	Henry E. Moulton, 200
Farnum Runnells' son, 200	Otis M. Brown, 200
Moses Kezer's son, 200	William H. Weeks, 200
Erastus E. Currier's son 200	Jacob M. Morrill, 200
Jacob Whittier, 200	George E. Crowell, 200
George McKenzie 200	George W. Mills 200
Daniel E Howard, 200	Eben H. Dustin 200
Brackett B. Weeks, 200	James F. Mills, 200
Newton G. McAlpine, 200	James Ash's son, 200
Daniel E. Howard, for Recruiting,.....	48

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\$4,848

*Non Resident Tax.*

Paid in labor in 1861,.....	\$1 50
in labor in 1862,.....	17 49

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\$18 99

*Abatement of Taxes.*

Ira A. Putney, list for 1860,.....	\$11 10	
John M. Bailey, list for 1862,.....	60 34	
		<hr/> \$71 44

*Town Officers.*

Paid John F. Jones, Treasurer,.....	\$18 00
John F. Jones, Clerk,.....	18 00
John M. Bailey, Collector,.....	39 00
Warren Clark, S. S. Committee.....	65 00
Isaac Story, Selectman,.....	96 00
Amos H. Davis, Selectman,.....	50 00
George L. Kimball, Selectman,.....	70 00
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*Treasurer's Receipts.*

By cash paid Town Treasurer,.....	\$8,354 88
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*Miscellaneous.*

Paid Isaac Story, paid printing Report,.....	\$27 00
Isaac Story, " Auditor,.....	3 75
Isaac Story, 1 day with Auditors,.....	1 25
1 day with Treasurer,.....	1 25
1 day expense of settlement,....	2 75
2 days farm, town hall making re-	
port for press,.....	2 50
1 day Concord with report,.....	1 25
1 day correcting checklist, .....	1 25
Timothy Malowney deposition.....	50
Cyrus Dustin 1 day with Auditors,.....	1 25
" 2 days farm and making report...	2 50
Richard F. Morgan, 1 day correcting checklist,	1 25
Daniel M. Eaton, damage to sleigh and contents,	3 00
Isaac Story, desk and furniture for town hall...	22 53
Horace F. Edmunds care of town hall, 1861,..	3 00
David B. Story, 2 doors and hanging, town hall	4 50
James Hoyt, notifying town officers.....	7 00
Stephen F. Morse, labor town house.....	8 62
" labor on farm barn.....	4 00
Aaron Smith, labor at town house & lumber,..	3 58
Albert Hardy, labor at town house,.....	6 37
William R. Cook, bolts, town house,.....	1 37



Paid Fellows and Wadleigh, nails for farm barn,....	\$3 77
“ nails & shingles town house....	12 09
R. E. French, 3 M sap shingles,.....	6 00
George L. Kimball, 18 M shingles, town house,..	81 00
David O. Collins, liquor license from U. S.....	20 00
Webster B. Davis, derrick,.....	100 00
Timothy Colby, Jr., use of stage board, town house	50
Phinchas Clough, over tax in 1861,.....	2 13
Timothy W. Chase, repairing grave yard fence,	50
David O. Collins, damage horse and carriage,..	5 00
Horace F. Edmunds, funnel and zinc, town hall,	2 60
Isaac Story, pd. Asa Fowler, advice,.....	5 00
“ “ George, Foster & Sanborn,	
services,.....	57 50
Elmur B. Dunbar, repairing grave yard fence,	1 11
Wm. A. Clough, returning school report.....	3 00
Isaac Story, interest Larned female charity fund	25 00
“ labor on town house,.....	8 13
“ labor on town barn and lumber,..	6 05
Horace F. Edmunds, care of town hall,.....	3 00
Isaac Story, pd. C. S. Larned storage of hearse	1 50
Amos H. Whittier, hauling shingle from Fisher-	
ville,.....	4 33
John F. Jones, notifying jurors and constable,..	3 90
“ “ recording births, deaths and mar-	
riages,.....	5 95
John F. Jones, arranging papers in Clerks office,	3 00
George L. Kimball, “ “	2 50
Daniel Flanders, labor on farm barn,.....	1 25
Isaac Story, use horse and carriage, expenses,	
and internal revenue stamps,.....	11 40
Amos H. Davis, horse and carriage and repairs	
grave yard fence,.....	7 00
George L. Kimball, horse hire and expenses,..	11 20
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	\$505 48

ISAAC STORY, } *Selectmen*  
 AMOS H. DAVIS, } *of*  
 GEORGE L. KIMBALL, } *Hopkinton.*

Hopkinton, Feb'y 25, 1863.

State tax for 1862,..... \$456 00

County tax for 1863,..... \$1,061 29

*Isaac Story, services as Selectman:*

1862.

March.	1 day at Concord and returning polls,.....	\$1 25
April.	6 days taking inventory, .....	7 50
	1 day regulating inventory,.....	1 25
	2 days making highway surveyors' warrants, .....	2 50
	3½ days taxes and collector's book, .....	4 37
	1 day distributing highway surveyors' war'ts, .....	1 25
May.	½ day receipts and orders,.....	63
	½ day pauper agreement,.....	62
	½ day new road,.....	63
	1 day School District No. 18, and making record, .....	1 25
	½ day town farm, .....	62
	½ day examining records,.....	63
	½ day with Selectmen of Hooksett,.....	62
	½ day soldiers' families and paupers,.....	63
June.	1 day returning soldiers' aid and examining town securities,.....	1 25
	1 day school house tax, District No. 18,....	1 25
	Recording invoice,.....	5 50
	1½ day receipts and orders, school money,..	1 88
	1 day new bridge, .....	1 25
July.	3½ days examining patents, and contracting new bridge, .....	4 37
	½ day jury meeting,.....	62
	2 days enrolling soldiers,.....	2 50
	½ day new bridge, .....	63
August.	2½ days enrolling soldiers and return, .....	3 12
	1 day paying land damage new road, .....	1 25
Sept.	1 day new bridge and appointments,.....	1 25
	3 days Concord, counsel, &c.,.....	3 75
	1 day examining roads and Tyler's Bridge,..	1 25
	1 day warrants for meeting and appointments, .....	1 25
	1 day paupers,.....	1 25
Oct.	½ day posting Drafting Comm's Notice, &c., .....	62
	1 day Draft. Com. on enrollment, .....	1 25
	Concord returning enlisted men, .....	2 00
	1 day bounties to soldiers,.....	1 25



Nov.	1 day soldiers' families,.....	\$1 25
	2 days examining bridge and settling bills,..	2 50
	1 day examining records, and paupers, .....	1 25
Dec.	1 day Contoocook settling bills,.....	1 25
	2 days soldiers' families and paupers, .....	2 50
	1 day revising jury box and bills,.....	1 25
	1 day appointing surveyors and bill, .....	1 25
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day pauper,.....	63
1863.		
Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day jury meeting,.....	62
	At farm and paupers,.....	2 00
	1 day county commissioner and paupers,....	1 25
	1 day appointing Agent and settling pauper bills, .....	1 25
	1 day Loudon, pauper and records,.....	1 25
	2 days accounts county paupers,.....	2 50
	Recording bills, .....	1 62
	2 days court, pauper accounts,.....	2 50
	3 days warrants, checklists and bills, .....	4 75
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ day Newcastle, .....	1 88
	2 days recording bills and town farm, .....	2 50
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		\$96 00

*Amos H. Davis, services as Selectman :*

1862.		
March.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day making return of polls, .....	\$ 63
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day inventory book,.....	62
April.	$6\frac{1}{2}$ days taking inventory, .....	8 13
	1 day regulating inventory,.....	1 25
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day finding place for J. P. Dunbar,.....	63
	4 days taxes, warrants and collector's book,.	5 00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day appointing S. S. Committee, .....	62
	1 day at Tyler's bridge after freshet, .....	1 25
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day warrant town meeting,.....	63
May.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day Henniker new road,.....	62
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day school meeting, District No. 18, .....	63
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,.....	62
June.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day examining town securities,.....	63
	1 day making school-house tax, Dist. No. 18,	1 25
	$3\frac{1}{2}$ days proposals, examining and contracting bridge, .....	4 37
July.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day jury meeting,.....	62
	2 days enrolling soldiers, making return, ...	2 50
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day measuring for length of bridge,.....	63

August.	2 days enrolling soldiers and making return,	\$2 50
	1 day Concord for counsel, .....	1 25
Oct.	1 day with drafting commissioner, .....	1 25
	1 day hireing money and paying soldiers, ...	1 25
Nov.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day hiring money and paying for bridge, ...	63
Dec.	2 days at Contoocook, bills and soldiers' aid,	2 50
	1 day revising jury box, pauper cases, .....	1 25
1863.		
Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ day jury meeting, .....	62
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm, .....	62
	1 day hireing Agent town farm, .....	1 25
Feb.	1 day Henniker, pauper cases, .....	1 25
	2 days checklist, settling bills, .....	2 50
	1 day recording bills, .....	1 25
	1 day at Farm appraising property, .....	1 25
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		\$50 00

*George L. Kimball, services as Selectman :*

1862.

March.	1 day making return of polls and appointing Treasurer, .....	\$1 25
	1 day at Concord on pauper business, .....	1 25
April.	6 days taking invoice, .....	7 50
	1 day inventory, .....	1 25
	3 days making taxes, .....	3 75
	1 day distributing surveyors' warrants, .....	1 25
	1 day examining roads and bridges, .....	1 25
	1 day at Blackwater and Hardy corner, ...	1 25
	1 day appointing Liquor Agent, and measuring and delivering Liquor, .....	1 25
	1 day at Concord on pauper business, .....	1 25
June.	1 day at Contoocook on pauper business, ...	1 25
	1 day appraising property and assessing taxes in School Dist. No. 18, .....	1 25
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day examining town house, .....	62
	1 day on bridge business, .....	1 25
	1 day on town business, .....	1 25
July.	1 day at Fisherville to buy shingles for town house, .....	1 25
	1 day at Hooksett examining bridges, .....	1 25
	1 day at Warner and Contoocook, .....	1 25
	1 day at Contoocook and West Hopkinton, ...	1 25
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days enrolling militia, .....	3 12
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Henniker new bridge, .....	63



August.	2 days enrolling soldiers,.....	\$2 50
	1 day making return of soldiers and town business,.....	1 25
	1 day at Contoocook and Rowell's bridge,...	1 25
	1 day paying land damage and town business,	1 25
Sept.	1 day at lower village and Contoocook, soldiers' business,.....	1 25
	1 day at Concord on soldiers' business,.....	1 25
	1 day at Contoocook on town business and lower village,.....	1 25
	1 day making notices and putting up some for town meeting,.....	1 25
	$\frac{1}{2}$ day at Blackwater,.....	63
	1 day at lower village and Contoocook appointing recruiting officers and other town business,.....	1 25
Oct.	1 day at Contoocook and lower village on town business,.....	1 25
	1 day with commissioner,.....	1 25
	1 day paying soldiers' bounties,.....	1 25
	1 day Blackwater, Contoocook and Rowell's bridges,.....	1 25
Nov.	1 day Contoocook and Poor Farm,.....	1 25
	1 day Henniker, pauper,.....	1 25
	1 day soldiers' wives and pauper,.....	1 25
	1 day new bridge and bills,.....	1 25
	1 day at Warner and Blackwater,.....	1 25
Dec.	1 day at Contoocook, town business,.....	1 25
1863.		
Jan.	1 day at lower village, town business,.....	1 25
	1 day jury meeting and deposition,.....	1 25
	1 day Webster, pauper,.....	1 25
	1 day settling bills,.....	1 25
Feb.	2 days warrants, checklists and settling bills,	2 50
	1 day town farm,.....	1 25
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		\$70 00

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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The subscribers, who were chosen a committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account, have attended to that service, and he has exhibited the following accounts, which they have examined, to wit :

*Town of Hopkinton in account with*

JOHN F. JONES, *Town Treasurer.*

- 1st. A tax account wherein they find the Treasurer charged with taxes assessed for the year 1862, and committed to John M. Bailey, Collector, to wit :

Town Tax, .....	\$3,442 64
School House Tax, Dist. No. 18, .....	47 81
	\$3,490 45

Which is accounted for as follows :

Cash received of Collector and carried to cash account, .....	\$3,442 64
Cash received, school house tax, Dist. No. 18, .....	47 81
	\$3,490 45

- 2d. An account of Literary Fund in which they find him charged with securities on hand as by settlement, Feb. 26, 1862, ....

Cash in the Treasury as by settlement, Feb. 26, 1862, .....	12 03
Cash received as interest on securities, and carried to cash account, .....	97 98
	\$1,778 01

Which is accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand, Feb. 25, 1863, ..	\$1,480 00
Cash received as interest on securities, and carried to cash account, .....	97 98
Cash collected as principal and carried to cash account, .....	200 00
Cash in the Treasury, .....	03
	\$1,778 01



3d. An account of the legacy bequeathed the town of Hopkinton, by Dr. E. Larned, deceased, in which they find him charged with securities on hand, as by settlement of Feb. 26, 1862, amounting to.....	\$495 00	
Cash in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1862;	5 00	
Cash received as interest on securities, and carried to cash account,	25 16	
	<hr/>	\$525 16

Which is accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand, Feb. 25, 1863, amounting to, .....	\$495 00	
Cash received as interest on securities, and carried to cash account,	25 16	
Cash in the Treasury, Feb. 1863,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$525 16

4th. An account of cash in which they find said Treasurer charged as follows :

Cash in the Treasury, as by settlement of Feb. 26, 1862,.....	\$738 32	
Cash received of collector for 1862,	3,490 45	
Cash received as interest on literary fund securities, and brought from security account,.....	97 98	
Cash collected as principal on literary fund and brought from literary account,.....	200 00	
Cash received as interest on Larned legacy, and brought from legacy account, .....	25 16	
Cash received of Selectmen, J. Foss, Highway Surveyor, Dist. No. 1, 1860,.....	3 67	
Cash received of State, 35th division of literary fund interest,...	158 49	
Cash received of State money reimbursed for Soldiers' State Aid,	425 04	
Cash received of Selectmen, Town Hall,.....	2 00	
Cash received of Selectmen, use of derrick,.....	3 00	
Cash received of Selectmen, plank at new bridge,.....	2 00	

Cash received of Selectmen, Rail- road tax 1862,.....	111 67
Cash received of Selectmen, Town Hall,.....	1 00
Cash received of Selectmen, county paupers,.....	520 61
Cash received of Selectmen, Town of Henniker, for support of Daniel Downing family,.....	5 40
Cash received of Selectmen, money hired to pay soldiers' bounties,..	4,800 00
Cash received of Selectmen, money hired to pay for Henniker road and bridge,.....	1,700 00
Cash received of Selectmen, money hired to pay town bills,....	500 00
Cash received of Selectmen, from Agent of pauper farm,.....	117 00
Cash received of Selectmen, money overdrawn to pay land damages,	5 00
	<hr/> \$12,906 79

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid sundry orders drawn on the treasury, amounting to.....	\$12,290 77
Cash in the treasury to balance,..	616 02
	<hr/> \$12,906 79

The committee certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the town of Hopkinton, and find them well vouched, correctly cast, and perfectly satisfactory.

HORACE CHASE, }  
JOHN BURNHAM, } *Auditors.*

# SELECTMENS' REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

## *Hay, Stock and Provisions.*

2 oxen, 120.; 6 cows, 130.; 2 heifers, 26.,	\$276 00
4 yearlings, 32.; 1 bull, 10.; 18 sheep, 61.,	103 00
3 pigs, 9.; 12½ tons English hay, 157.,	166 00
2 tons stock hay, 14.; straw, 1.50,	15 50
30 bush. corn, 30.; 6 bush. barley, 6.,	36 00
15 bush. oats, 10.; 1 bush. buck wheat, .75, 3 bush.	
beans, 7.50,	18 25
1½ bush. colored beans, 2.; peas, 1.25,	3 25
Timothy seed, 75 ; 148 lbs., fresh beef, 17.50,	11 25
101 lbs. tallow, 11.00 ; mackerel, 50,	11 50
211 lbs. ham, 23.00 ; 89½ lbs. lard, 10.74,	33 74
40 lbs. butter, 8.00 ; boiled cider, 1.25,	9 25
Apple jelly, 1.00 ; 1½ bbl. beef 18.00,	19 00
2½ bbls. pork, 40.00 ; 1½ doz. eggs, 18,	40 18
Flour, 11.00 ; corn meal, 2.00,	13 00
Rye meal, 25 ; butter salt, 15,	40
6 bbls. apples, 3.00 ; 1 bbl. cider, 1.50,	4 50
90 bush. potatoes, 27.00 ; 280 lbs. cheese, 35.00,	62 00
½ bbl. vinegar, 2.00 ; 130 lbs. dried apples, 6.50,	8 50
4½ bbls. soap, 15.50 ; garden sauce, 1.00,	16 50
Molasses, 48 ; tea, 1.00 ; tobacco, 2.00,	3 48
Cassia, 12 ; nutmegs, 15 ; cloves, 02,	29
Pepper, 25 ; ginger, 16 ; salt petrè, 16,	57
Saleratus, 48 ; coffee, 1.44 ; sugar, 1.87,	3 79
Wicking, 80 ; yarn, 75 ; matches, 07,	1 62
19 prs. socks, 7.60 ; 3 prs. mittens, 1.50,	9 10
2 aprons, 50 ; thread, buttons, pins and needles, 46	96
4 lbs. cotton batting, 50 ; leather, 3.00,	3 50
Kerosene oil, 60,	60

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\$871 73

## *Pauper Establishment, Dr.*

1862. March 1. To real estate,	\$2.200 00
hay, stock and provisions,	767 85
tools and furniture,	265 00
cash paid Selectmen,	103 39
interest on real estate,	132 00
Agent's salary,	200 00
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	\$3,668 24



	<i>Contra</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
1863. March 1. By real estate,		\$2.200 00
hay, stock and provisions,		871 73
tools and furniture,		265 00
cash paid Selectmen,		117 00
cash Agent's hands,		25 74
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		\$3.479 47
Balance against the Establishment,		\$188 77

The following persons have been supported at the Farm the past year :

\*John Kendrick,  
Wm. A. Perry,  
Nathaniel K. Colby,  
\*Patrick Gunning,  
\*Patrick Coffey,  
\*Timothy Coffey,  
\*Timothy Malowney,  
\*Charles Donahue,  
\*James Donahue,  
\*Samuel Donahue,  
\*Marcus Richards,  
†Stephen Rowell,

Mrs. Huse,  
\*Mary Allen,  
Lydia Frazier,  
Emma Burbank,  
\*Laura Perry,  
\*Hannah M. Thurston,  
Jemima Ober,  
Eliza Bisbee,  
\*Mary Coffey,  
\*Catherine Morris,  
\*Mary A. Donahue.

\*County paupers.

†Expense of board, to be paid by town of Newcastle.

ISAAC STORY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
AMOS H. DAVIS,	
GEORGE L. KIMBALL,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hopkinton.</i>

Hopkinton, Feb. 27, 1863.

## AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Agent of the Pauper Farm, makes the following report for the year ending Feb. 25, 1863.

*Produce Raised.*

26 tons English hay ; 10 tons meadow hay ; 7 tons straw and corn fodder ; 110 bush. corn ; 211 bush. potatoes ; 25 bush. Turnips ; 12 bush. carrots ; 8 bush. beets ; 320 bush. apples ; 8 bush. pears ; 2 bush. onions ; 2 1-2 bush. cucumbers ; 3 loads pumpkins ; 300 squash ; 807 heads cabbage ; 9 bush. beans ; 7 bush. peas ; 405 lbs. of butter ; 400 lbs. of cheese ; 16 lbs. pork ; 840 lbs. beef.

*Expenditures.*

9 bbls. flour, 73.50 ; 11 bush. rye, 10.56,	\$84 06
13½ yards full cloth, 7.80 ; 8½ yards thin cloth, 2.92,	10 72
Beeswax, 08 ; 31 bush. corn, 20.94,	21 02
23½ lbs. tea, 22.21 ; 55 lbs. shorts, 55,	22 76
8 pair boots, 18.28 ; 2 bed cords, 92	19 20
7½ lbs. snuff, 2.21 ; 33 lbs. tobacco, 7.36,	9 57
Crackers, 1.90 ; 98½ lbs. dry fish, 3.76,	5 66
1 cow, 30.00 ; 5 files, 55,	30 55
5 bush. salt, 3.00 ; 4 bags butter salt, 1.13,	4 13
196 lbs. sugar, 20.15 ; 2 cattle cards, 20,	20 35
15 spools thread, 73 ; cotton and linen thread, 70,	1 43
1 paper needles, 05 ; 5 pair shoes, 4.97,	5 02
1 bake pan, 50 ; 2 cakes soap, 20,	70
66½ yards sheeting, 11.68 ; 50 yards print, 7.11,	18 79
2 yards silesia, 42 ; 1 neck tie, 25,	67
11½ yard cambric, 1.32 ; 6 yards crash, 66,	1 98
1 sack coat, 3.50 ; 1 vest, 1.00,	4 50
16 lbs. nails 67 ; 2 lbs. salt petre, 34,	1 01
½ bush. lime, 30 ; 1 chamber pail, 50,	80
Ladder, 50 ; 2 stoves, 7.50,	8 00
6 bolts, 36 ; 22 galls. molasses, 8.82,	9 18
30 lbs. clover seed, 3.30 ; ½ bushel timothy, 1.38,	4 68
33 lbs. coffee, 6.00 ; 12 lbs. sal soda, 72,	6 72
4 papers garden seeds, 20 ; 90 lbs. Rice, 75,	95
1 net, 25 ; 3 lbs. cream tartar, 1.29,	1 54
Twine, 40 ; 450 lbs. superphosphate lime, 12.38,	12 78
6 lbs. ginger, 1.00 ; 2 lbs. starch, 24,	1 24
3 hats, 1.65 ; hooks and eyes, 03	1 68
3 doz. buttons, 09 ; crockery, 3.55	3 64

2½ bush. potatoes, 1.00 ; 4 lbs. raisins, 74,	\$1 74
Tin ware, 4.15 ; ox muzzles, 37,	4 52
Shearing sheep, 90 ; liniment, 25,	1 15
2 kits mackerel, 3.07 ; 5½ gals. oil, 4.45,	7 52
Gum camphor, 08 ; mending tin ware, 37,	45
½ gal. spirits turpentine, 1.00 . hay fork, 58,	1 58
8 pigs, 14.50 ; labor, 39.05,	53 55
3 rakes, 75 ; 1 scythe, 83,	1 58
Rifle and whetstone, 35 ; 25 lbs. salcratus, 1.56,	1 91
Mending boots and shoes, 1.80 ; 1 lb. cloves, 30,	2 10
½ lb. spice, 13 ; 2 lbs. pepper, 50 ; 2 baskets, 78,	1 41
1 lb. cassia, 50 ; meat barrel, 150,	2 00
Carding wool, 2.57 ; repairing cider mill, 2.50,	5 07
2 Rennets, 50 ; butts and screws, 20,	70
Shovel, 92 ; saw bill, 12.40,	13 32
Non-resident tax, 7.75 ; Alcohol, 67,	8 22
1 pint gin, 37 ; pasturing cattle, 12.08,	12 45
1 cap, 75 ; ¼ gross matches, 14,	89
School books, 1.09 ; 1 axe, 1.00,	2 09
5 axe handles, 50 ; 4 brooms, 1.12,	1 62
Butchering, 2.25 ; 1 doz. pipes, 12,	2 37
Making coat, 75 ; bill of beef, 23.94,	24 69
Clothing for county paupers,	11 14
Wicking, 80 ; stationery, 25,	1 05
Blacksmith bill, 11.95 ; S. Johnson, 25,	12 20
Nutmegs, 1.00 ; Wm. Proctor, 2.50,	3 50
Stranger, 2.57 ; pins, 16,	2 73
Harrow tooth, patent,	50
150 lbs. beef bought in 1861, omitted,	6 37
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	\$501 75

*Receipts.*

Ash tree 3.00 ; 26 doz. eggs, 3.32,	\$6 32
3 pelts, 1.50 ; 107 lbs. butter, 17.43,	18 93
Calf skin, 52 ; 1 bush. beans, 2.50,	3 02
Rags, 45 ; 32 lbs. cheese, 2.24,	2 69
Calf, 5.00 ; 23½ lbs. wool, 9.76,	14 76
½ ton of hay, 6.00 ; meadow grass, 7.00,	13 00
6 bush. peas, 3.50 ; 3 lbs. rolls, 2.61,	6 11
Use of cider mill, 18.72 ; 3 pr. mittens, 1.26,	19 98
25½ bbls. cider, 38.25 ; lumber, 21.00,	59 25
Pasturing sheep, 2.00 ; 3 lbs. yarn, 3.75,	5 75
221½ lbs. pork, 14.35 ; 75 stakes, 1.25,	15 60



Poultry, 23.56 ; 34 bush. oats, 17.00,	\$40 56
113 lbs. hide, 7.91 ; making buffalo coat, 1.50,	9 41
Making 2 pr. pants, 1.00 ; 4 gal. soap, 65,	1 65
Labor, 5.00 ; boot between oxen, 25.00,	30 00
Support of county paupers,	388 71
1 lamb, 1 25	1 75
Lumber sold in 1861, omitted,	7 00

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Receipts,	\$644 49
Expenditures,	\$501 75

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Balance, \$142 74

Average number of paupers for the year 1862, 14.

EBEN FELLOWS, *Agent on Town Farm.*

Hopkinton, Feb. 24, 1863.

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1 ("Old Village.")

*Summer Term.* BELL P. TYLER, Teacher. The teacher succeeded remarkably well in retaining the affections of her pupils gained in a previous term. The school passed a very interesting examination at the close of a long term of sixteen weeks. Though we would by no means find fault with the results of this term, yet we are inclined to think that a more even division of twenty-five weeks of schooling between the Summer and Winter terms would have been more profitable to the district.

*Winter Term.* CHARLES A. MERRILL, Teacher. Mr. Merrill possesses superior qualifications, in every respect, as a teacher, and in this school was fortunate in securing so large a share of the confidence and good will of parents and scholars. The closing examination was made in connection with the County Commissioner, in the presence of an unusually large number of visitors, and indicated good proficiency in the studies pursued, and a satisfactory term to all concerned.

### DISTRICT NO. 2. ("Emerson District.")

*Summer Term.* HATTIE M. TUCKER, Teacher. This was quite a long term, and most of the scholars present at the close seemed to have made corresponding improvement; many of the small scholars, particularly, made rapid progress; some of the large ones were absent. The teacher labored under the disadvantage of teaching her first school in her own district, where there was not a perfect unanimity of feeling. Under these circumstances the condition of the school was quite as good as we could have reason to expect-

*Winter Term.* JAMES F. ALLEN, Teacher. The school commenced under favorable auspices, and there was every reason to expect a favorable result. In a literary point of view the teacher was evidently well qualified for the performance of his duties, but during the eighth week of the term the dissatisfaction of a majority of the district, respecting the management of the school, was made known to the Committee in the form of a petition for the teacher's dismissal. After a hearing upon the petition, it was the opinion of the Committee that the further continuance of the school would be unprofitable, and it was accordingly closed.

## DISTRICT NO. 3. ("Hatfield.")

*Summer Term.* H. MANIE STRAW, Teacher. This school presented its usual interesting appearance. Miss Straw was well qualified to teach it, and the thoroughness and promptness exhibited in recitations furnished abundant evidence of her well directed efforts.

*Winter Term.* NATHAN J. STONE, Teacher. The fact that no fault had been found with the teacher by either parents or scholars, was of itself, considered positive proof that the term had been a profitable one; this was fully corroborated by an interesting examination, at which the teacher showed his fitness as instructor, and the scholars their interest in school and good will towards their teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 4. ("Sugar Hill.")

*Summer Term.* E. EVA PIPER, Teacher. By the kindness of parents and the good disposition of her scholars the teacher was easily enabled to make her first attempt at teaching successful. The conduct of the scholars was highly praiseworthy and the teacher was well rewarded for her patient efforts by their commendable improvement. The interest of parents was shown by their attendance at examination.

*Winter Term.* GEORGE H. TILTON, Teacher. We found the school considerably diminished in numbers, but in all other respects it has kept up with the times. This was Mr. Tilton's first school. He is a wide-awake and thorough teacher, and in our opinion, was eminently successful. The appearance of the school was unexceptionable, the scholars being all on a line and that line a straight one. Scholars reviewed well in all branches. The teacher excels in Arithmetic and taught it just as it should be taught, always giving "the why and the wherefore."

## DISTRICT NO. 5. ("Spofford District.")

*Summer Term.* CLARA D. SARGENT, Teacher. Miss Sargent entered this small school young and inexperienced. She taught quite well and labored commendably for her pupils' advancement with a fair degree of success. There were some faults in her school, which further experience will probably remedy. Scholars should be taught to rely more upon themselves, and a stricter discipline should be enforced.

*Winter Term.* MARIA W. HUBBARD, Teacher. At our first visit the full school was present. The teacher seemed wide-awake and determined to do her best; taught well and governed well. The school was visited the second time on a very stormy day, when but two scholars were present, one of whom had attended but a short time; consequently we are unable to report, definitely, the condition of the school, but have no doubt that it was prosperous. The teacher's first school.



## DISTRICT NO. 6. ("Jewett Road.")

*Summer and Winter Terms.* FRANCES M. HOOK, Teacher. The district was fortunate in again securing the services of this excellent teacher. Too much praise cannot be awarded by the parents to one who has so carefully and successfully trained their children. We were not at all disappointed to find at the close of each term that excellent improvement had been made in the several branches, and that in every respect the labors of the teacher had been crowned with merited success.

## DISTRICT NO. 7. ("Main Road.")

*Summer Term.* THERESA F. KIMBALL, Teacher. There was evidently more substance than show in this school. The teacher was anxious to do all she could for her pupils, who showed commendable interest in their studies. The same teacher taught here the previous summer, and at the close of this term was employed to teach a private school, which speaks well for her success in securing and retaining the confidence of the district.

*Winter Term.* WILLIAM T. GAGE, Teacher. Mr. Gage here made his first attempt at teaching and succeeded well. So far as our observation extended, no scholar had anything to do with another's business, but all seemed desirous to do their best. The inevitable result of such good discipline was seen in the good improvement of nearly all the classes.

## DISTRICT NO. 8. ("Beech Hill.")

*Summer Term.* SUSAN G. CURRIER, Teacher. Miss Currier had no previous experience as a teacher, and came to this district a perfect stranger. Possessing excellent qualifications and a mild, gentle disposition, she could hardly fail to win the confidence and affection of her pupils. Her method of instruction was of the first order and scholars were benefitted accordingly. Perhaps the adoption of a more rigid system of discipline would have been advisable.

*Winter Term.* ALBERT B. PUTNEY, Teacher. Mr. Putney taught this school the preceeding winter with success, and entered upon this term possessing the fullest confidence of parents and scholars. Good government was maintained without apparent effort on the part of the teacher, and his untiring efforts, so well seconded by diligent scholars and appreciative parents were entirely devoted to intellectual improvement. This excellent school, with its excellent teacher, did not fail to pass an excellent examination, before a large number of visitors.

## DISTRICT NO. 9. ("Dow District.")

*Summer Term.* SARAH A. AMSDEN, Teacher. An inexperienced teacher in her own district succeeded far beyond our expectations. The school was small and contained no far-advanced

scholars. We were agreeably surprised at the remarkable promptness of the scholars and the perfect regularity with which all the exercises were conducted.

*Winter Term.* WALTER S. EASTMAN, Teacher. The teacher is a resident of the district, and apparently possessed the confidence of the scholars, who were interested in their studies and anxious to improve. Satisfactory progress was made. There was a large proportion of promising scholars, rendering this an interesting school, although it was a small one.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10. ("Contoocook, South Side.")

*Summer Term.* CELIA H. HEARD, Teacher. This is well known as the largest, and one of the most difficult schools in town; doubts were expressed as to Miss Heard's fitness to govern it. Twelve weeks experience proved conclusively to the mind of the Committee, not only her fitness to govern, but her ability to instruct. The school-room was very tastefully decorated at examination. Much credit is due to teacher and scholars for their successful efforts to make this a pleasant and profitable term.

*Winter Term.* JAMES M. BURNHAM, Teacher. The teacher gave proper attention to the instruction of his pupils, and more than this—he was evidently commander-in-chief in the school-room, with no one to dispute his authority. The fault in so large a school is generally a want of proper discipline, but we were pleased to notice a remarkably correct discipline, and commendable improvement in the studies pursued.

#### DISTRICT NO. 11. ("Clement's Hill.")

*Summer Term.* NANCIE T. DANIELS, Teacher. The teacher succeeded quite well in her first attempt; she seemed faithful in imparting instruction, and gained the good will of her pupils. There are many bright scholars in this school, capable of attaining a high standard of scholarship; they should be taught to rely a little more upon themselves.

*Winter Term.* HENRY CHASE, Teacher. A very gratifying feature of this school was the good behavior and studious habits of the scholars. The teacher appeared to take pains to benefit his pupils and gain their approbation. The results of the term were quite as favorable as could be expected, considering the disadvantage of a short term, and that partially broken up by sickness.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12. ("Stumpfield.")

No Summer Term.

*Winter Term.* H. MANIE STRAW, Teacher. This was a long and profitable term, though it may be questionable whether it was as profitable as two short terms would have been. Scholars are apt to lose their interest in a long term. The latter part of the term was made more interesting by the accession of scholars

from other districts. The general appearance of the school was good and showed that the teacher had been faithful and industrious.

DISTRICT NO. 13. ("Putney's Hill.")

*Summer and Winter Terms.* CORA A. HUNTOON, Teacher. This school is considerably smaller than heretofore, and the scholars are of a smaller grade. The management of the school was excellent, the instruction thorough. A perfect system of order was observable in all the exercises. This was Miss Huntoon's first term, in her own district. From what we saw of the school we judge she had first rate success.

DISTRICT NO. 14. ("Gage Hill.")

*Fall Term.* FANNIE A. JONES, Teacher. There was almost a complete change of scholars during the term, and but few, at most. At our second visit no scholar was present who was present at the commencement. Miss Jones has the requisite qualifications for a good teacher. We have no doubt that the scholars were benefitted according to their attendance.

DISTRICT NO. 16. ("Rowell's Bridge.")

*Summer Term.* HANNAH B. DUSTON, Teacher. Miss Duston taught here, for the first time. She appeared zealously engaged, exerting herself to the utmost of her ability for the welfare of her school. She was remarkably easy and quiet in governing. Good progress was made.

*Winter Term.* MAHALA RAND, Teacher. This school was visited unexpectedly to teacher and scholars a week or more before its close, and was thus found in its every day dress, without special preparation for examination. Everything connected with the school gave evidence of faithful and successful effort on the part of the teacher, and the scholars made a good appearance as usual.

DISTRICT NO. 17. (North of the "Old Village.")

*Summer and Winter Terms.* MARY A. CURRIER, Teacher. The same general good results were observable in both terms. At all our visits the school was very quiet and orderly. The needless irregularity in attendance of a few scholars was a disadvantage to them and an annoyance to the teacher. Miss Currier is an excellent writer, and taught penmanship systematically. She deserves a higher field of labor.

DISTRICT NO. 18. ("Buswell's Corner.")

*Summer Term.* MRS. AUGUSTA G. CHASE, Teacher. We failed to visit the school at its close; in consequence of sickness there was a long vacation near the close of the term and our previous engagements prevented. Mrs. Chase has had a large experience in teaching. The school appeared remarkably well when we



called at the commencement. We have no doubt of the teacher's success.

*Winter Term.* FRANK CHASE, Teacher. The few scholars who were present at our first visit appeared interested in their studies and likely to do well. The school closed before we received notice of it, on account of sickness among the scholars; consequently we are unable to judge of its merits, but have no reason to doubt that good improvement was made. This was the teacher's first school.

#### DISTRICT NO. 19. ("Blackwater.")

*Summer Term.* HELEN M. CHASE, Teacher. Some of the classes in this school passed a superior examination; all did passably well, and gave evidence of having received proper instruction. If we were disposed to find fault we would say that there was a little too much noise by the scholars, caused by a too free communication among them.

*Winter Term.* CHARLES GOULD, Teacher. There are all grades of scholarship here, from very poor to very good. The large experience of the teacher and his uniform success are well known. He was as usual, highly successful in interesting and instructing his pupils, gaining their confidence and respect.

#### DISTRICT NO. 20. (Contoocook, "North Side.")

*Summer Term.* SARA A. JOHNSON, Teacher. Miss Johnson possesses qualifications as a teacher not often found in one person. She commands the implicit obedience of her scholars; everything connected with the management of the school was in perfect order. Under such favorable circumstances the improvement of the scholars was rapid. The teacher still merits all the praise that has heretofore been awarded her.

*Winter Term.* BENJAMIN L. BARTLETT, Teacher. There had been no special preparation for examination yet the several classes recited with remarkable promptness and indicated thorough training. Mr. Bartlett has had considerable experience, and is a superior teacher. The scholars were greatly benefitted by his instruction.

#### DISTRICT NO. 21. ("Davisville Road.")

*Summer and Winter Terms.* MARY P. MCLEAN, Teacher. This was a small school in charge of an inexperienced teacher, but many of larger experience fail to do so well. We could find no fault with the results of either term, even if we were inclined to fault-finding.

#### DISTRICT NO. 24. ("Farrington's Corner.")

This district forms a part of Union District No. 24, in Concord.

*Summer Term.* RACHEL A. HOOK, Teacher. The final ex-

amination was made with the Concord Committee in the presence of a large number of visitors. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that it was a first rate school. Miss Hook proved herself an accomplished teacher, governing and instructing well. The school was smaller than in former Summers, but in interest and ambition fully up to its former good standing.

*Winter Term.* D. R. NUTTER, Teacher. We are able to say nothing new of this school. Occupying the best school-house in town and always favored with good teachers—Mr. Nutter not being an exception—it is sure to be a profitable one. We were pleased to notice the mild, but decided government of the school and the commendable diligence of the scholars.

### GENERAL REMARKS.

In presenting the foregoing Report we are not unmindful of our liability to err, and would ask for it the charitable attention of all interested parties. We have endeavored to report the several schools impartially, according to the facts and circumstances as we found them, judging now, as heretofore, rather by a *comparative* standard than a *true* one. With truth and reason we can tell that same old story—“*our schools are improving.*”

During the past year they have been favored with the instruction of many excellent teachers, and few poor ones. An unusually large proportion were beginners, and the success achieved by some of these would have been creditable, even to those of long experience. It has been said that three things are necessary for a good school, viz: a good school-house, good scholars, and a good teacher. It has been proved from experience, this very year, that a good school-house is *not* absolutely necessary, though exceedingly desirable. Good scholars are of course necessary, yet it should always be remembered that they are generally made good or bad by the teacher. A good teacher is *absolutely necessary*. He cannot be moulded by parents, scholars or committee, into a good teacher, who has not the talent within him, either natural or acquired. As the teacher is, so is the school; so far as our experience goes there are but few exceptions. Indolent, careless scholars are generally found under indolent and careless teachers, and active, correct scholars under active and correct teachers.

We do not believe in teachers who profess such a perfect love of teaching that they are willing to teach for nothing. They should insist upon being well paid, and when the bargain is closed and they enter upon the performance of their duties, it should be with the fixed determination to render an equivalent, and more, for value received; so that what contributes to their pecuniary advantage may also contribute to the moral and intellectual advantage of their pupils.



Teachers are generally well qualified in most respects, but often fail in spelling. Look to this elementary branch a little closer, teachers, and until some recognized authority shall make the change, consider it perfectly safe to spell scholar with *one l*.

The continued interest of parents in the welfare of their schools has been shown by their frequent visits to the school-room. In our humble opinion they should never make these visits with the idea that they are benefiting the scholars thereby, but for the purpose of judging of the efforts of the teacher and the profitableness of the school they are highly proper and useful.

In referring to the unnecessariness of a good school-house for a good school we would by no means be understood as apologizing for, or justifying the existence of several houses in town where promising scholars are obliged to go to obtain an education. It is needless to particularize; the houses speak for themselves. It may be improper to refer to this matter, hoping for a remedy, in these times of war and desolation, but in ordinary times we would say—repair the houses, or “give up the ship.”

WARREN CLARK, *S. S. Committee.*

HOPKINTON, N. H., Feb. 25, 1863.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Teachers' Names.	Whole No. of scholars.		Average attendance.	School in weeks.	Wages of teacher per month, including board.	Citizens' visits.	Times tardy.	Visits by S. S. Com'tee.	Visits by Prud'al Com.
1	Summer,	Bell P. Tyler,	37	30	16	16.00	18	601	2	1	
	Winter,	Charles A. Merrill,	55	49	9	26.00	45	214	2		
2	Summer,	Hattie M. Tucker,	23	14	11.50	46	67	2			
	Winter,	James F. Allen,	25	22	8	22.00	2	56	1		
3	Summer,	H. Manie Straw,	17	14	9	12.00	20	27	2		
	Winter,	Nathan J. Stone,	21	18	11	21.50	35	10	2	1	
4	Summer,	E. Eva Piper,	26	25	10	10.20	42	32	2	2	
	Winter,	George H. Tilton,	18	17	8	18.20	39	24	2	2	
5	Summer,	Clara D. Sargent,	9	7	8	9.48	13	20	2	3	
	Winter,	Maria W. Hubbard,	7	5	12	11.50	17	18	2		
6	Summer,	Frances M. Hook,	21	18	10	12.00	33	42	2	1	
	Winter,	Frances M. Hook,	32	22	12	14.00	27	86	2	2	
7	Summer,	Theresa F. Kimball,	23	20	8	13.34	9	9	2		
	Winter,	William T. Gage,	31	22	9	24.00	16	103	2		
8	Summer,	Susan G. Currier,	19	16	10	14.00	19	52	2		
	Winter,	Albert B. Putney,	23	21	11	20.00	35	79	2	1	
9	Summer,	Sarah A. Amsden,	7	5	8	8.84	3	6	2		
	Winter,	Walter S. Eastman,	9	7	8	16.00	27	58	2		
10	Summer,	Celia H. Heard,	53	49	12	16.00	32	98	2		
	Winter,*	James M. Burnham,									
11	Summer,	Nancie F. Daniels,	17	16	8	12.00	19	25	2		
	Winter,	Henry Chase,	17	16	7	24.00	15	28	2		
12	Winter,	H. Manie Straw,	12	8	14	14.00	22	49	2		
	Summer,	Cora A. Huntoon,	17	12	10	9.60	16	68	2		
13	Winter,	Cora A. Huntoon,	19	15	12	14.00	10	180	2	1	
	Fall,	Fannie A. Jones,	8	4	13	13.00	9	12	2		
14	Summer,	Hannah B. Dustin,	18	14	9	10.80	28	104	2		
16	Winter,	Mahala Rand,	25	18	13	16.00	19	97	2		
	Summer,	Mary A. Currier,	14	10	12	8.00	22	42	2		
17	Winter,	Mary A. Currier,	14	11	10	14.00	12	38	2	1	
18	Summer,	Augusta G. Chase,	13	12	9	17.33	22	17	1	2	
	Winter,	Frank Chase,	14	10	9	16.00	20	29	1	1	
	Summer,	Helen M. Chase,	24	21	10	13.00	17	16	2		
19	Winter,	Charles Gould,	31	23	10	20.00	14	51	2		
	Summer,	Sara A. Johnson,	34	26	10	16.00	22	213	2		
20	Winter,	Benj. L. Bartlett,	40	34	10	30.00	50	146	2		
	Summer,	Mary P. McLean,	11	9	9	10.00	21	24	2	1	
21	Winter,	Mary P. McLean,	9	5	11	10.00	4	30	2		
	Summer,	Rachel A. Hook,	7	6	11	13.00	30	29	2		
24	Winter,	D. R. Nutter,	9	7	10	19.25	18	38	2	2	

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